(c) if so, the details of the findings of the inquiries and investigation?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. One Shri Deepak 'Chandra of Meerut had listed a trophy of tiger on Bazee com in November, 2001 for Guinness book of records for having largest tiger skin. The Regional Deputy Director, Wild Life Preservation, New Delhi, conducted raid in the premises of Shri Chandra at Meerut on 8.3.2002 and found a mounted tiger skin displayed on the wall. On enquiry, it was revealed that Shri Chandra had an ownership certificate issued by the office of the Chief Wild-Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh. According to Section 43 of Wild-Life (Protection) Act, 1972, any person who has a wild-life article, duly covered by a certificate of ownership, can sell or offer for sale such article. As such Shri Chandra is not guilty of violation of Wild-Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Monkeys in AIIMS compound

3980. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether monkeys have left their natural habitat due to massive depletion of green cover in South Delhi;

(b) whether trees in the AIIMS compound now give them a cover and there is always a danger of costly equipments getting damaged, with spreading fast infectious disease;

(c) whether the Ministry have received a detailed plan from some environmentalists early this year, to deal with the situation in a holistic manner; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to solve the problem on permanent footing?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Rapid urbanisation and house construction activities in South Delhi and adjoining areas have encroached upon the natural habitat of monkeys forcing them to live in human habitation. The tendency of providing food to monkeys by people leads to aggregation of monkeys around hospitals, offices and other public places. Possibilities of damage by monkeys to equipment etc. cannot be ruled out. A large number of monkeys suffer from Tuberculosis and therefore transmission of this disease to human beings is also possible.

(c) and (d) Dr. Iqbal Malik, a well known primatologist has submitted a detailed proposal to Central Government. The proposal has been discussed with Dr. Iqbal Malik and the Chief Wild Life Warden, Government of Delhi. The Central Zoo Authority has expressed its willingness to support the project subject to the availability of land by the State Government and agreement

between the State Government of Delhi and Dr. Malik on the modalities of the rescue operations.

Environmental health surveillance

3981. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Ninth Five Year Plan Sub-Group had made a number of recommendations, aimed at effecting improvement in protection and promotion of environmental health, *viz.* creating and strenghtening environmental health surveillance and support services in the Ministry of Health, compulsory introduction of environmental education and upgrading several public awareness programmes, which have remained almost unattended, so far; and

(b) if so, what were the detailed recommendations made in this regard and the steps taken on implementation of those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Integrated afforestation in A.P.

3982. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Funds are being provided to Andhra Pradesh for integrated afforestation and Eco-Development-Projects of the State;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years, year-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether these projects are providing the desired results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The year-wise, project-wise details of Central Funds provided under Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS) to Andhra Pradesh, their utilization and physical targets and achievements for the last three years are given in Statement. (*See below*). Independed evaluations of the projects implemented upto 1999-2000 indicate average survival rate of plantation range between 61.72% to 94%. The project-wise survival percentages are also indicated in Annexure.